Filling-up of backlog vacancies

*440. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the numebr of backlog vacancies as on the 31st March, 2004 in the Ministry and various Departments under the Ministry;

(b) whether special drive was carried out to fill up the above backlog vacancies;

(c) if so, number of vacancies filled up during the last two years, department-wise; and

(d) the number of backlog vacancies as on the 31st March, 2006?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MEIRA KUMAR): (a) One Stenographer Grade 'D' of the S.T. Category.

(b) Yes Sir. The Department of Personnel and Training in the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pension, being the recruiting agency has taken up a special recruitment drive for the filling up of backlog vacancies.

(c) Nil.

(d) One.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Proposals for new roads and bridges for construction in NER

3021. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) how many proposals from the North-Eastern States were received by the Central Government in respect of new roads and bridges for construction out of NLCPR fund and NEC fund in the year 2004-05 and 2005-06 State-wise;

(b) how many of them have been sanctioned and have been provided with funds;

(c) the names of the roads for which proposal have been received from Tripura and their present status;

(d) whether it is a fact that the number of projects sanctioned in Tripura is small in comparison to other States; and

(e) if so, the reasons in details?

THE MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) and (b) The number of proposals in the form of Detailed Proejct Reports (DPRs) received and sanctioned by the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DONER) for funding of construction of new roads and bridges from Non Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR) during 2004-05 and 2005-06 are as under:—

State	DPRs received in 2004-05	DPRs received in 2005-06	DPRs Sanctioned
Arunachal Pradesh	1	8	6
Assam	10	30	23
Manipur	6	3	3
Meghalaya	7	9	3
Mizoram	0	5	0
Nagaland	0	3	3
Sikkim	1	0	1
Tripura	2	2	3

The North Eastern Council (NEC) had received 92 proposals for roads and bridges from various North Eastern States during 2004-05 and 2005-06 out of which 26 road proposals have been sanctioned and provided with funds.

(c) The status of proposals received as DPRs from the Government of Tripura for funding under NLCPR are as under:—

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Status
1	Replacement of existing Semi Permanent Timber bridge (SPT)-over river Taijanticherra at Ch. 23.85 km. on Kamalpur - Maracherra-Ambassa Road by RCC bridge (span 50 m)	Project sanctioned at total cost of Rs. 2.09 crore on 27.03.06
2	Replacement of existing Semi Permanent Timber bridge (SPT)-over river Salemacherra at Ch. 24.45 km. on Kamalpur - Maracherra-Ambassa Road by RCC bridge (span 50 m)	Project sanctioned at total cost of Rs. 2.18 crore on 27.03.06

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Status
3	Widening & strengthening of Banikya Chowmuhani Shalbagan road (9.00 km.)	Project sanctioned at total cost of Rs. 4.77 crore on 27.03.06.
4	Widening & strengthening of Jolaibari-Kowaifung-Ailmara road (22.00 km.)	DPR pending with State Government since 24.11.05 for revision and clarification sought by the Department of Road Transport & Highways.

Names of roads for which proposals have been received by the NEC from Government of Tripura and their present status is as under:

Sl. No.	Name of road	Length (in km.)	Project cost (Rs. in crore)	Status
1.	Manu-Chamanu-Govindabari	15.00	10.00	Sanctioned
2.	Agartala-Mohanpur Chebri	54.00	19.00	-do-
3.	Dharmanagar-Tilthai-Damcherra	60.00	34.00	EFC case under process
4.	Chebri Telimura Amarpur Jatanbari	89.00	46.00	Not approved by Planing Commission
5.	Dangabari-Gandacherra-Raishyabari	47.00	23.00	-do-
6.	Bishalgarh-Boxonagar-Sonamura	83.00	42.00	-do-

(d) No Sir, out of total cost of Roads & Bridges projects sanctioned under NLCPR for all the North Eastern States, 11.07% account for Tripura. Moreover, the Government of Tripura is yet to submit DPRs for replacement of 23 timber bridges by RCC bridges. In so far as NEC is concerned, its mandate is to accord priority to schemes and projects which will benefit two or more states. However, NEC has already approved two out of six proposals received from Tripura.

(e) Does not apply.